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Dear Dr. Bartholomew,

A copy of your university's bulletin just came to hand, and I noticed that you have been teaching Bact 201, a course in heredity and variation in microorganisms.

We held a fairly successful seminar on microbial genetics in 1947-48 when I first arrived here, but in order to reach the less specialized students majoring in bacteriology, I have been planning a two-credit lecture course to be offered this fall as Ag. Bact. - Genetics 107, under the name of "Heredity in Microorganisms". Judging from the statement given in the bulletin, I would judge that our course will have about the same objectives as yours. I am writing to inquire whether we might have some benefit of your experience in handling this material. If you happen to have prepared a lecture outline, I would appreciate seeing a copy, and any comments that you might have, as to what the rough spots were, or possibility of a textbook, and so on, would be very useful, and appreciated.

Concerning books, I had planned to suggest the 1946 Cold Spring Harbor Symposium as background material. This might be a little too stiff, as well as being out of date. What would you think?

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Genetics.